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11. (SBU) Embassy delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of External Affairs Director (Central Europe) Mr. Sevala Naik. Naik indicated that India has not yet decided whether it will file a brief with the International Court of Justice regarding the advisory opinion on Kosovo's independence. He related that India would likely take its decision very near to the deadline, and stated that if India does chose to file a brief the content would be consistent with India's clear, long standing policy of strong commitment to the principle of sovereignty enshrined in United Nations Charter. He added that any brief would reflect India's nonalignment and that India would continue to take its usual, independent position on the matter of Kosovo.

12. (SBU) Post will follow up in the coming days and notify the Department if and when India's position on filing a brief becomes clear. WHITE